the managers of schools in receipt of aid that they should appoint teachers who belong to one community or another.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—But the Government are giving the grant.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—So you have got a perfect right of control.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is a matter of opinion. Already there is complaint that there is too much control exercised.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir, whether the number of institutions under Christian management is not at least 10 times as much as the number of institutions run by other managements?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I cannot give the exact percentage. In the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk there is a preponderance of such institutions. But if you take the total number of institutions it won't be 10 times. The majority of schools are run by Christians, generally by churches.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government bring in any measure to reduce the number of schools run by Christians?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There does not seem to be any necessity for it.

Arrears of Land Revenue—collection of.

11. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the amount of arrears of Land Revenue to be collected this year;

(b) the number of processes issued for the collection of Land Revenue this year showing demand notices, attachments and proclamations for sale separately;

(c) the number of orders issued for the attachment of movables;

(d) the number of cases in which land had to be sold for arrears of revenue;

(e) the number of cases in which sales were set aside on payment of the defaulted arrears;

(f) the total amount for which lands were sold;

(g) the total extent in acres of lands sold?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) Rs. 212—8—7.

(b) Demand notices 2280
Attachments 838
Proclamations for sale 224

(c) 6,198.

(d) 34.

(e) 4.

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(f) Rs. 714—3—10.

(g) 10·10 acres.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Do not the Government think that there are too many coercive steps in these days of depression?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—They do not think so.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—There have been 34 sales.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—There were 34 defaulters.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What was the longest time in these cases of sales where the land revenue arrear was allowed to remain unpaid?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I don't quite understand the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the usual time allowed for a defaulter for paying up his arrears of land revenue before selling his property?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—When a certain person makes a default, first of all a demand notice is served upon him and roughly speaking he will get 2 to 3 months' time to pay up the arrears if he wants.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—That existed even before.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It exists even now.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In these days of acute economic depression do not the Government think that it is desirable to give a little more time to pay off these arrears?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—That is the only system possible if collection has to be made in that particular year. If any year's collection is to be made only the next year then more time can be given. But the rules do not allow it. This is the maximum period that can be allowed for payment.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it not Government to make and unmake rules?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are these figures up-to-date?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes. These are figures as they stood at the end of Edavam 1109.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Is not the number of attachments for moveables rather large?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—If there is a fall in the attachment of moveables there will be an increase in the case of immoveables.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—I think attachment should be more on immoveables than on moveables, because it works more hardship on the defaulters?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I should think it works less hardship.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, am I to take it that the Government will be pleased to consider the point that more time will be given before sale?

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—As much time will be given as is consistent with the collection and statutory requirements.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased tc make some departure in view of the present depression?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Government will not promise to make any departure.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will they look into the matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The matter can be looked into.

Prices of paddy and cocoanuts—prevailing rates.

12. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the prices prevailing in the State now for (1) paddy per Mudra para (2) cocoanuts per 1,000;

(b) the prices that prevailed in the State when the last Revenue Settlement was effected;

(c) whether prices for these commodities have not gone down considerably since the last Revenue Settlement;

(d) what action the Government has taken to compensate the ryots for this heavy fall in prices?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) (1) The price of paddy per Mudra para prevailing in the State ranges from 5½ as. to 7½ as.

(2) The price of cocoanuts per 1,000 ranges at present from Rs. 15 to 25.

(b) The prices that prevailed at the time of the last Land Revenue Settlement ranged between 6 to 10 as. per Mudra para for paddy and between Rs. 28—12—0 and Rs. 60 for 1,000 cocoannts.

(c) Yes; the prices of these commodities have gone down.

(d) The Government have granted liberal remission of assessment due from the ryots besides the granting of a Special Loan of 5 lakhs for distribution on easy terms among them. An Economic Survey has been ordered and its result is being awaited.

Assistant Surgeon's Deputation.

13. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received the reply of the Surgeon-General since replying to question No. 81 on 24th January 1934;

(2) whether they had enquired of any other Government regarding this;

(3) if so, will they be pleased to place all the replies on the table;

(4) whether they have come to any conclusion regarding the matter;

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